

REMARKS

Claims 10-20 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 8-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of expedite allowance of the instant application while claims 15-20 have been newly added to depend upon now allowed claims 10-11 in order to place all claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 12-14 have been allowed without the necessity of amendment. Claims 10-11 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claim 6. The Examiner's indication of allowability of these claims is noted with appreciation. For purposes of expedition, claims 10-11 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of their respective base claim 6 for allowance. In addition, claims 15-20 have been added to depend upon those newly allowed independent claims 10-11 in order to further define Applicants' disclosed invention over the prior art of record.

Claims 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hotaling et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,124,912 for reasons stated on pages 3-4 of the Office action. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's assessment of the cited portion of Hotaling '912, claims 6, 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of allowance of the instant application. The canceled claims 6, 8 and 9 have been presented concurrently herewith in a continuation application under Rule 53(b) with novel features such as the ability of "remote client devices" to "continuously request the idle time retrieval for a special group with a new retrieval condition, which is a previous idle time retrieval result" which are not described anywhere in Hotaling '912 or any other cited references.

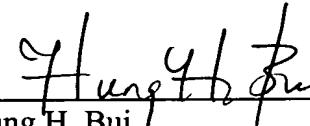
In view of the foregoing additions and remarks, all claims are deemed in condition for examination. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to

telephone Applicants' attorney at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. A fee of \$80.00 is incurred by the conversion of claims 10-11 into independent forms and cancellation of claims 6, 8 and 9 which result in the addition of one independent claim in excess of three (3). Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.35669CX1).

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